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Washington, DC
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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: May 16, 2005

Fresh Apple (Pilot), Announcement FV-311, Invitation 008

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Monday, May 23, 2005**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday, June 2, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from June 18, 2005, through December 30, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for 6,468 cases of fresh apple (pilot) in 37/40 lb. cartons to a shipping container.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.**

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.



Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311
 INVITATION : 008
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE
 CODES: D -DELICIOUS
 RD-RED DELICIOUS
 GD-GOLDEN DELICI

COMM TYPE : 27 APPLES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 37 37/40 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE 1 2 3
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DELIVERY PERIOD 06/18/05 - 09/15/05

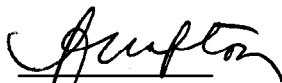
001	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	D RD GD
002	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____	D RD GD
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____	
003	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	693	_____	D RD GD
	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	231	_____	
004	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	D RD GD

DELIVERY PERIOD 10/02/05 - 12/30/05

005	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	D RD GD
006	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	D RD GD
007	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____	D RD GD

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 6,468

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 Felicitas Lofton
 Contracting Officer

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